## BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

MEGAN L. IDONI 6156 Cleon Ave North Hollywood, CA 91606

Registered Nurse License No. 605753

Respondent

Case No. 2012-374

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary order for Public Reproval is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on **September 26, 2012**.

IT IS SO ORDERED August 27, 2012.

Raymond Mallel, President Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

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13	North Hollywood, CA 91607	REPROVAL		
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL (2012-374)

2. Respondent Megan L. Idoni (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Laura C. Mclennan, Esq., whose address is:

Laura C. Mclennan, Esq.
Moore McLennan
701 North Brand Boulevard
Suite 200
Glendale, California 91203

3. On or about September 3, 2002, the Board issued Registered Nurse License No. 605753 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2012-374 and will expire on August 31, 2012, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 2012-374 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on December 15, 2011. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2012-374 is attached as exhibit A<sub>i</sub> and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-374. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2012-374.
- 9. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

### **CONTINGENCY**

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and euter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 605753 issued to Respondent Megan L. Idoni (Respondent) shall, by way of letter from the Board's Executive Officer, be publicly reproved. The letter shall be in the same form as the letter attached as Exhibit B to this stipulation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay \$7,058.6 to the Board for its costs associated with the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board. If Respondent fails to pay the Board costs as ordered, Respondent shall not be allowed to renew her Registered Nurse License until Respondent pays costs in full.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Laura C. Mclennan, Esq.. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

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MEGAN L. IDONI

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Megan L. Idoni the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval. I approve its form and content.

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5/4/12 DATED:

Laura C. Molennan, Esq. Attorney for Respondent

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#### **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: April 26,2012

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California GREGORY J. SALUTE Supervising Deputy Attorney General

CRISTINA FELIX

Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

## Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2012-374

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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	PARTIES		
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of		
21	Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about September 3, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered		
23	Nurse License Number 605753 to Megan L. Idoni (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License		
24	was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on		
25	August 31, 2012, unless renewed.		
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#### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after expiration.
  - 6. Section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act] or regulations adopted pursuant to it. . . . "
  - 7. Section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

"(a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with

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Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.

8. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a) states:

No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact

#### **COST RECOVERY PROVISION**

9. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

#### 10. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

a. **Dilaudid**, also known as hydromorphone, is a Schedule II controlled substances pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(J), and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 4022, subdivision (c).

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Unlawfully Obtaining and Possessing a Controlled Substance)

- 11. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a), section 2762, subdivision (a), and Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), for unlawfully obtaining and possessing controlled substances. The circumstances are as follows:
- 12. On or about November 5, 2009, while on duty as a registered nurse at the Post Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU) at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, Respondent unlawfully and fraudulently obtained and possessed Dilaudid in that at approximately 21:35 hours she removed a 10mg Patient Controlled Analgesics (PCA) Dilaudid syringe from the Pyxis Medication Station<sup>1</sup> using the name of RN Pascua. Also at approximately

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Pyxis Medication Station" is a computerized medication dispensing station that allows users to obtain medications using a user name and personal identification number (PIN). The user enters the patient's name and medication prescribed. The Pyxis station records the dates and times that medications are removed.

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section 125.3; and

1	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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3	DATED: Lecenker 15, 2011 Junie L. Bailey		
4	LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN/	-	
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## Exhibit B

Letter of Public Reproval in Case No. 2012-374



**Board of Registered Nursing** P O Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 P (916) 322-3350 I www.rn.ca.gov Louise R. Bailey, M.ED., RN, Executive Officer



August 27, 2012

Megan L. Idoni 6156 Cleon Ave North Hollywood, CA 91606

RE:

LETTER OF PUBLIC REPROVAL

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Megan L. Idoni, Registered Nurse License No. 605753

Dear Ms. Idoni:

On December 15, 2011, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, filed an Accusation against your Registered Nurse License. The Accusation alleged that you engaged in unprofessional conduct under the Business and Professions Code section 2761, subdivisions (a) and (d), section 2762, subdivision (a), and Health and Safety Code 11173. On November 5, 2009, you unlawfully removed medications intended for a patient using the identity of another registered nurse.

Taking into consideration the fact that you have been licensed by the Board since 2002 without any prior disciplinary action, that the conduct in question did not result in patient harm and is an isolated incident, that you have the apparent support of your colleagues, have received therapy since 2010, and that there are other mitigating circumstances in this case that support the determination that you are safe to practice as a Registered Nurse, the Board has decided that the charges warrant a public reproval.

Accordingly, in resolution of this matter under the authority provided under Business and Professions Code section 495, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of consumer Affairs issues this letter of public reproval.

Sincerely,

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., R.N.

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Department of Consumer Affairs

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing

State of California